

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-7 remain in the application. Claims 3 and 7 have been indicated to include patentable subject matter. Drawing Figures 5A, 5B and 6 have been objected to by the Examiner for not including a legend such as "Prior Art." This legend has been added to Figures 5A, 5B and 6. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of U.S. Published Application 2004/0212265 to Yeh et al. For the following reasons the rejection is traversed.

The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure states at section 706.02(b):

A rejection based on 35 U.S.C. 102(e) can be overcome by:

...(E) perfecting a claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) within the time period set in 37 CFR 1.55(a)(1) or filing a grantable petition under 37 CFR 155(c). See MPEP § 201.13. The foreign priority filing date must antedate the reference and be perfected.

Applicant is submitting, with this amendment, a translated copy of priority document: Japanese Application 2002-320233 filed on November 1, 2002. Priority was claimed to this application on Applicant's Application Data Sheet (filed as part of

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 5A, 5B and 6. These sheets, which include Figs. 5A, 5B and 6, replace the original sheets including Figs. 5A, 5B and 6.

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the Application on October 31, 2003) and submission of the translated copy of the priority document perfects the claim to priority. The date of claimed priority, November 1, 2002 precedes the 102(e) date of the Yeh et al. reference, July 3, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. NIS-15065.

Respectfully submitted,

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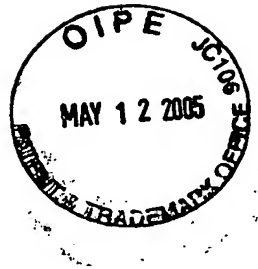


FIG.5A PRIOR ART

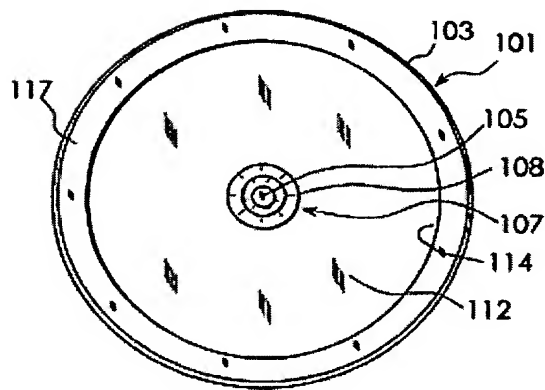


FIG.5B PRIOR ART

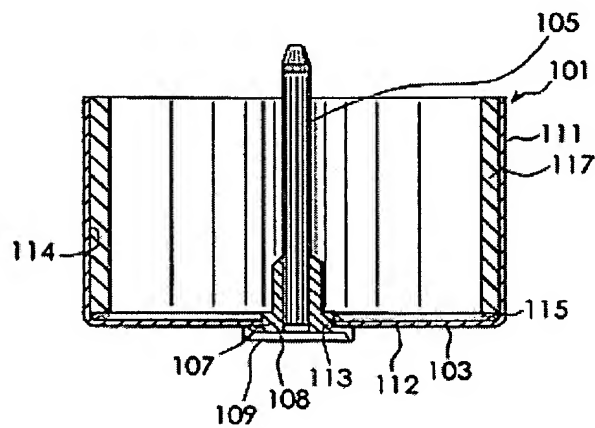


FIG. 6 PRIOR ART

